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SUBJECT: WASHINGTON STATE GOVERNOR EVANS ANNOUNCES VISIT
TO BRITISH COLUMBIA, WILL HOST ALBERTA PREMIER
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1. VANCOUVER PRESS REPORT DATED LINED OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON STATES WASHINGTON GOVERNOR DANIEL EVANS WILL VISIT VICTORIA, B.C. JUNE 1 TO MEET WITH PREMIER BILL BENNETT AND BC LEGISLATORS. REPORT ALSO STATES EVANS WILL HOST ALBERTA PREMIER PETER LOUGHEED JUNE 17, PRESUMABLY IN OLYMPIA. ALTHOUGH EVANS MET SEVERAL TIMES WITH FORMER B.C. PREMIER DAVID BARRETT, THIS WILL BE FIRST MEETING WITH BENNETT SINCE LATTER ELECTED IN DECEMBER 1975.
2. REPORT STATES EVANS SAID HE WILL DISCUSS POSSIBLE RENEGOTIATION OF INTERNATIONAL FISHING TREATIES TO RESOLVE DISPUTES OVER ALLOCATION OF FRASER RIVER SOCKEYE SALMON RUN. EVANS QUOTED AS SAYING "AS FAR AS I AM CONCERNED THE BIGGEST PROBLEM WE HAVE IN THE STATE TODAY, IN TERMS OF LOSS OF FISH WHICH ARE PRODUCED IN WASHINGTON HATCHERIES, IS THE CANADIAN TROLL FISHERMAN WHO TAKES FAR, FAR MORE FISH OFF VANCOUVER ISLAND THAN ANY OF OUR INDIAN FISHERMEN OR EVEN MOST OF OUR COMMERCIAL FISHERMEN".

3. ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORT, EVANS AIDE SAID OTHER TOPICS

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WOULD BE DISCUSSED AS WELL BUT NO AGENDA YET SET. HOWEVER,

EXPECT TOPICS WILL INCLUDE ENERGY AND NATURAL GAS. EVANS
EXPECTED TO ADDRESS B.C. LEGISLATURE AS WELL.

4. EVANS EXPECTED IN VANCOUVER SOMETIME BETWEEN MAY 31-JUNE 11
AS MEMBER OF U.S. DELEGATION TO U.N. CONFERENCE ON HUMAN
SETTLEMENTS, KNOWN AS "HABITAT". EVANS ANNOUNCED SEVERAL
MONTHS AGO HE WOULD NOT RUN FOR REELECTION THIS NOVEMBER.
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